

## CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2  
SECTION: 20.16  
TITLE: TEMPORAL LOBECTOMY

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**AUTHORITY:** 38 USC 1713; 38 CFR 17.270(a) and 17.272(a)

**RELATED AUTHORITY:** 32 CFR 199.4(c)

**TRICARE POLICY MANUAL:** Chapter 3, Section 15.2

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### I. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

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### II. DESCRIPTION

Temporal lobectomy is the surgical removal of the lobe of the cerebrum located laterally and below the frontal and occipital lobes.

### III. POLICY

Temporal lobectomy/surgical excision of an epileptogenic focus is a benefit subject to cited Policy Considerations.

### IV. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. Temporal lobectomy/surgical excision of an epileptogenic focus in the treatment of intractable complex partial seizures may be considered for cost sharing when all of the following criteria are met.

1. The diagnosis of epilepsy has been confirmed.
2. Antiepileptic drugs have failed to control the patient's seizures.
3. The seizure focus is located in an area of the brain amenable to surgical resection.

B. Claims for this procedure are subject to medical review.

C. Related CHAMPVA Policy Manual Material

1. [Chapter 2, Section 20.7](#), *Electroencephalographic (EEG) Video Monitoring*.

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2. [Chapter 2, Section 20.5](#), *Electrocorticography*.
3. [Chapter 2, Section 20.8](#), *Functional Cortical Mapping*.

**\*END OF POLICY\***